

Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area

proudly celebrating Tennessee State Parks 75th Anniversary!

Calendar of Events

July 2012

Traditional Arts Workshops are by registration only and must be pre-paid.
Call (423) 543-5808 for more information.

Sycamore Shoals Fife & Drum Corps

Saturdays

11:00 am

The Fife & Drum Corps performs at historical events, dedications, and parades. This group is open to anyone ages 13 & up. Musical experience is welcome but not necessary; just come with a willingness to learn. Meet our volunteer coordinator John Large at the Sycamore Shoals Visitors Center. Lessons are free of charge, just call and let us know you're coming!

An 18th Century Independence Celebration & Muster

Saturday June 30

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday July 1

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Experience the 4th of July, 18th century-style! What did colonists think about a new nation? Be a guest in Fort Watauga as news of Independence arrives to the colonial frontier. Walk among historical characters and hear their varied reactions to the Declaration, from fear of war to the hope of a brighter future. The Celebration will take place on Saturday; the muster will continue until Sunday at 3 pm.

Workshop: Atlatl and Spear (rescheduled)

Instructor: Ken Dykes

Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8

10am – 4pm

Cost: \$35 (includes supplies)

Limit: 10 Minimum: 2

Make a spear and a spear-thrower, a hunting tool used by primitive cultures worldwide. Adults only please. Materials are provided to make an atlatl and one dart. Bring a wood working knife and dress for the weather. Class will be outside behind the picnic area.

***Bow Making has been canceled this month**

Liberty: The Saga of Sycamore Shoals - Our 34th Year!

Thursday – Saturday, July 12 - 14, 19 - 21, & 26 - 28 7:30 pm

Tennessee's official outdoor drama, presented by local performers against the backdrop of Fort Watauga. See the Revolution as told by the Overmountain Men: colonists who defied British law and settled on Cherokee lands. These settlers formed an independent government, made treaties with the Cherokee, defended their homes, and fought a British army at the epic battle of King's Mountain. Bleacher seating is available in the Amphitheater. Sponsored by Friends of Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area. Admissions Charge.

The Liberty Spinners

Tuesday, July 10 (2nd Tuesday of the Month)

9:30 am – 1 pm

This gathering of spinners and fiber artists is open to anyone interested in the art of spinning. Join us at 9:30 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except December).

Step by Step Oil Painting

Saturday, July 14

Cost: \$50 (includes supplies)

Discover oil on canvas through wet-on-wet painting techniques. Beginners are welcome or come to improve the skills you already possess.

Instructor: Kay Braswell

9 am – 4 pm

Min: 6

Max: 15

Shape Note Singing – *Canceled this month, please join us in August*

Old Time Music Jam

Sunday, July 22

Art Lang

1:30 pm – 4 pm

Bring an acoustic instrument, your singing voice, or your dancing feet! (no taps please) This afternoon brings together musicians of all levels as they share traditional Appalachian tunes. Old-time musicians of all instruments and skill levels are welcome to play! This group meets on the 4th Sunday of the month, January through May and September through November.

Fine Arts Show with the Watauga Valley Art League

June 24 – July 27

Opening Reception: Sunday, June 24

1:30 – 4:00 pm

Stop by the theater at Sycamore Shoals to view the beautiful artwork of the Watauga Valley Art League. Local artists display their talents through the month of July until the 27th.

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Instructor: Kay Braswell

9 am – 4 pm

Min: 6

Max: 15

Watauga Valley Art League August Show – The Canvass Show

Sunday July 29 – August 30

1:30 pm - 4:00pm

Opening Reception: Sunday July 29

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Each year, the August show features a new and intriguing theme. This year's theme will be any media on canvass. Exhibit can be viewed during regular park hours.

For more information or to register for workshops, contact

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Visitors Center Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Monday through Saturday 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM Sunday

Our Visitors Center is closed on most State holidays. Park grounds are open from dawn until dusk.

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